

Will the broadcast flag interfere with consumers ability to make copies of DTV content for their personal use, either on personal video recorders or removable media?

I'm concerned that the proposed technology will interfere with my ability to make a digital record of news casts. One pet project I would like to see through is the creation of video for "personal use" that contains the top news stories during the early life of my children; something that can be used to educate them about world events when they were infants. Will my ability to cut/paste/burn segments of DTV into a single video record for their viewing be impeded?

Would the broadcast flag requirement limit consumers ability to use their existing electronic equipment (equipment not built to look for the flag) or make it difficult to use older components with new equipment that is compliant with the broadcast flag standard?

What assurances do we have that planned obsolescence will not occur? The very companies that tell us no are the same that produce new consumer electronic products. They are the very ones who stand to benefit the most from forcing the consuming public to purchase new products.

Would a broadcast flag requirement limit the development of future equipment providing consumers with new options?

I fail to see how this is a question that the proponents of the system can answer. By answering no they claim to have some crystal ball that can foresee the results of all future technological innovation, including that which come from laboratories other then their own.

What will be the cost impact, if any, that a broadcast flag requirement would have on consumer electronics equipment?

We are talking about adding additional cost to equipment that is currently beyond the reach of most consumers. This certainly would do nothing to help bring it closer to their grasp.